## S. RES. 182

Designating October 1999 as "National Stamp Collecting Month".

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

Mr. Levin (for himself and Mr. Cochran) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas over 150 years ago, United States commemorative stamps began honoring the people, places, and events that have shaped our Nation's history;
- Whereas in 1999, more than 22,000,000 Americans, including children, collect and learn about our Nation through stamps, making stamp collecting one of the most popular hobbies in our Nation and the world;
- Whereas as we stand on the threshold of the 21st century, it is important that we pause to reflect on our Nation's history;
- Whereas stamps honor statesmen and soldiers who fought for freedom and democracy, recognize our Nation's scientific and technological achievements, pay tribute to our Na-

- tion's artistic legacy, and celebrate the strength of our Nation's diversity;
- Whereas starting October 1, 1999, "National Stamp Collecting Month" will transform more than 100,000 schools, libraries, and post offices into learning centers where our Nation's young people can honor the past and celebrate the future through stamps;
- Whereas the founders and participants of "National Stamp Collecting Month" include millions of adult and youth collectors, thousands of teachers and schools, the American Philatelic Society, and the United States Postal Service;
- Whereas the people, places, and events shaping America today will be United States commemorative stamps tomorrow;
- Whereas "National Stamp Collecting Month" will help empower our Nation's children and future generations to study and learn from our Nation's history; and
- Whereas as our Nation's children learn the lessons of the past, the children will be better prepared to guide our Nation in the future: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the Senate designates October 1999 2 as "National Stamp Collecting Month".

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